

2009-10 PETITION FOR DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE

[print all information]

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Student I.D. # _____ or Social Security # _____ Birth Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Most unmarried undergraduates under the age of 24 are considered **dependent** for federal financial aid purposes. If, however, after answering questions in Step 3 on the FAFSA, you are classified as a dependent student and unusual circumstances have caused you to become independent, you may request a **dependency override**.

Please note the following:

- A student's reluctance to request the income information from the parents is **not** justification for granting an override.
- The unwillingness of the parents to pay or provide information is **not** a valid reason for granting an override.
- In all cases, independence must have occurred out of **necessity** rather than choice.
- Examples of situations where petitions may be approved are: documented abandonment, parental drug abuse, parental mental incapacity, physical or emotional abuse, parental incarceration or severe estrangement.
- Federal funds are **not** awarded to help students **establish their independence**.
- A successful petition for a dependency override depends on the specific information and documentation you are able to provide. Please be as complete as possible.

Instructions

1. Write and submit a personal letter stating your extenuating circumstances, what has caused you to become independent from your parents, when you became independent, and how you have provided for your own basic necessities (shelter, food, clothing, transportation, medical care). Attach appropriate documentation.
2. Submit at least two letters from third parties who personally have knowledge of your situation and who can verify your circumstances. At least one letter on letterhead must be from a guidance counselor, physician, social worker, clergy person, or another individual who has been involved in the circumstances in a professional capacity. All letters need to include a telephone number and address where the individual can be reached for follow up questions.
3. Attach your completed and signed paper FAFSA, if you have not already submitted it to the federal processor. If you have already submitted your 2009-2010 FAFSA, check this box If your petition is approved, your financial aid counselor will mail your FAFSA to the federal processor. If not approved, your FAFSA will be returned to you with a letter of explanation.

All information provided in my Petition for Dependency Override is correct and true. I understand that the decision made on the basis of this petition only affects my application for aid at Boise State University.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Review Date: _____ **Decision:** **Approved** **Denied**

Reviewer(s): _____

FAFSA Sent/given to student on this date: _____

Additional information requested on this date: _____

Document below any additional visits or phone calls with the individuals involved.